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SUBJECT: CONCORDE: JUDGE POLLACK'S DECISION

1. IN LIGHT OF JUDGE POLLACK'S DECISION, EMBASSY URGES THAT, IN LINE WITH AMBASSADOR HARTMAN'S VIEW (PARIS 21428), FEDERAL AUTHORITIES THROW THEIR WEIGHT BEHIND JUDGE POLLACK'S ORDER TO THE NEW YORK PORT AUTHORITY TO LIFT ITS BAN ON CONCORDE. JUDGE POLLACK'S DECISION IS THOROUGHLY CONSISTENT WITH FORMER SECRETARY COLEMAN'S ADVDCACY OF A TRIAL PERIOD, AND WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S SUBSEQUENT SUGGESTION THAT THE PORT AUTHORITY'S DELAY IN AUTHORIZING THE CONCORDE TRIAL WAS UNREASONABLE AND DISCRIMINATORY. MORE SPECIFICALLY WE URGE THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOW TAKE STEPS THAT ARE POSSIBLE TO AVOID FURTHER DELAY, E.G., SHOULD ARGUE AGAINST A STAY OF EXECUTION OF JUDGE POLLACK'S ORDER WHILE APPEALS ARE HEARD. WHILE UK PUBLIC OPINION, AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, HAVE NOT BEEN AS SEVERELY CRITICAL OF PAST DELAYS AS HAVE THE FRENCH, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE U.S. SYSTEM, WE BELIEVE A NEW SITUATION HAS NOW BEEN CREATED AND THAT THERE WOULD BE GREAT RESENTMENT IN BRITAIN IF USG SHOULD FAIL TO DO ALL IT CAN
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TO AVERT FURTHER DELAY.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AMBASSADOR BREWSTER HAS RAISED THESE POINTS WITH THE SECRETARY AND THE DEPARTMENT'S LEGAL ADVISOR.

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